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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do feel wretched when I am held up for 10 or 15 minutes. But that cannot be helped, Sir."

Sanction of permanent establishment for each taluk to be in charge of election work.

* 64 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to sanction a permanent establishment for each taluk to be in charge of election work relating to Assembly, Local Boards, Groundnut Market Committee and Panchayat Boards?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is a proposal under the consideration of the Government for employing a nucleus staff on a permanent basis in the offices of the Electoral Registration Officers of the Assembly constituencies, namely, all taluk offices in the mufassal except six and the sub-taluk office, Hosdrug, for work connected with the preparation and maintenance of electoral rolls and elections to the Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies. This staff is not intended for other work. There is no proposal for the employment of staff on a permanent basis in each taluk office for election work relating to Local Boards, Panchayat Boards and Groundnut Market Committees."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" In view of the fact that regular establishment is being disturbed by pooling candidates for election work and also in view of the fact that the election rules are not being adhered to correctly by such candidates, will the Government examine the question of appointing some special staff for election work? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For making the candidates observe the election rules, there is no use of having permanent officials. Perhaps, we should have permanent candidates."

Number of motor vehicles kept for State purposes in each of the Government Departments.

* 65 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of motor vehicles kept for State purposes in each of the Government Departments and the annual cost of maintenance of the same in each department; and

(*b*) to state how the motor vehicles belonging to the Civil Supplies Department were disposed of, consequent on the decontrol of foodstuffs?